

MS. BULLCREEK: Hello. My name is Margene Bullcreek and I'm from Skull Valley Indian reservation in Tooele County. I have an organization opposed to the nuclear waste on our reservation with the PFS, and I'm glad a couple of our tribal leaders are here, Chairman Bear and Vice Chairman Mozelle (phonetic). Because I would like to have them hear what I'm going to say as well. They have been deaf to the things that we have said of the storage and the effects it's going to have on our native lands.

I have been to Las Vegas also and -- Shundahai Network and Citizens Alert and the BIA environmental total impact statement here.

First of all, I want to be able to say that from all the testimonies that people has been giving talking against the transportation, against the nuclear waste and how the effects will happen and how this could be possible.

1 | And I also would like to say that from the speakers, the agencies, the DOE, I've heard a lot of lies, deceit. There's a lot of DOE's statements that has been based on assuming these -- the storage site or the active elements of the radiation. And the storage are all according to the future of 10,000. And I wonder if people aren't taking this seriously. Ten thousand is, you know, where we going to be? Will we still have future generations? Will they still be around? This is my main concern about where I'm from.

2 | Our tribal leaders are saying how feasible this is going to be to our land, to our native land. There's poverty there. We have broken windows, we have cars that are not running. And now we have new vehicles. We have brand new vehicles to improve our reservation, but hasn't been improved yet.

You know, these are money talk. This is money talk. Nuclear energy has a lot of money. They're rich. So is their tribal leaders, and so are the people that are supporting it. They have a lot of money. But what about those of us that doesn't have any money? What about those of us that are not supporting this issue because we're standing up for the rights of our future generation so that they can be able to have an economic development that is healthy for them? We don't have anything.

3 | What about the fallouts at Yucca Mountain? The government didn't tell the people that they're going to be having testing spots that's going to cause cancer and deaths. Did they have a health study? Did they admit that there was, you know, that these fallouts of radiation can cause cancer? No.

Did they have studies on Native Americans, how many people are affected by this? No. They never admitted to anything. But now there's an organization that's doing their own health studies on the fallouts.

4 | And so this is what money can do. This is what DOE can do. I didn't really want to say anything about DOE lying, not coming down to the needs of the people, but to the needs of their own projections of success in the nuclear industry that's creating a lot of money, corporations. Our tribal corporation also. This is what money can do.

5 | The needs of the people are not being met. The needs of the people that's going to be along this transportation route isn't going to be met. People are saying how safe this is. How safe is it really? Was there real testing on these casks that they've been showing people? They don't even know what type of casks they're going to use. And if they do, they're not tested.

6 | So these are a real part of my concern, and they are concerns of people that I've heard speak. Are they going to be addressed? Are they really going to be addressed and recognized in their EIS reports? Are they going to determine what's going to happen to Yucca Mountain on the reports that these people have given them? Or are we just, like one of my people said, you're not going to make any difference; they're

going to do whatever they're going to do anyway. What are you going to say? Whatever you say, they're not going to listen to.]

Well, maybe in my own Indian way of thinking, that's just the way white peoples are. I'm just a Native American. Our Native American lands get targeted by uranium. Arizona miners also dead, but their families are getting compensated. Cancers, our tribe talks about how safe cancer was, but a lot of their people has been affected by cancer. I heard this man give testimony at one of our organization gatherings about how his family was affected. His whole family was affected by cancer. How he seen his jellyfish babies. You know, these are all real.

7 continued below [So this transportation, this is what going to happen. There's no emergency response, either. We have -- on our reservation we only have one fire hydrant for our emergency response.]

8 continued below [So when all this -- when is all this going to take place? Well, maybe Yucca Mountain's going to become possible, but on our reservation, nuclear waste they're projecting is going to be on 2002. And it's only temporary. And it's a temporary storage for half of what Yucca Mountain is going to receive. And is it really going to be temporary? It's going to be permanent. But our members are just like the citizens of the United States also. The ones that have been hurt, just like I was saying in my questions, saving for my comment, the people that shows up to meetings like this, when they don't come, I guess their voice isn't heard; and if there's none that their meeting set up, just like our leaders, you don't show up to the meeting, that means you're for it. Is that democracy?]

And this is really my concerns. My real concern, being a Native American, and I'm proud of who I am. I'm proud my father taught me things about how things work and stories on animal life, respect your animals. You have sacreds, who we are as Native Americans just like you do with your religion. We have freedom of religion. But we don't go to church. We go to our own church. Sometimes we don't need to be in church to pray.

9 [There's a lot of sacredness out on the reservation, a lot of tranquility. These are things that is going to be affected. And the transportation, how much -- how is PFS going to be piggybacking? MRS started with DOE. That's why we got the studies of the nuclear waste. They came back and said how safe it was, but all these places they went and visited, they had their "escape source" (phonetic). Public don't know what happens.]

7 continued [DOE won't admit to accidents. They're not going to let the public know who get affected. And these people, where they have these skills, you know, they're not going to dive a mile. That's what we say, say how safe it is. How about the future generations, generations down the road? Will they be affected? I'm sure they will.]

10 [So these are concerns, and I'm talking the way I am because I don't have a lot of money. I don't have just -- just stay here and say a couple sentence, and it's okay because everything's been approved. They've got everything paid. Where I'm talking to you is from who I am as a Native American, and my children, for those people that can't speak for themselves that has no voice. Our leaders, they're the one that's supposed to protect us. DOE, the government, BIA, secretary of interior, they're all supposed to be protecting us.]

8 continued on page 3 [There's a history. Your people, our people. Department says we're all alike. We've all lost somebody in our families to cancer because of the fallouts, because seeing the fallout, the orange light. So why we bringing destruction to where we're at? Why are we letting this happen? Why can't we -- it's not too naive to stay where it's at. Because they have a lot of space. The problem is, they have a lot of space where they can store this, but they're telling their legislators that they're running out of room. And they're

8 targeting the native land, they're targeting my land. This land was native land at one time. They put us on
continued small reservations, and now they want it back. And our leaders want them to do that.]
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The other thing I want to be able to say too is that has the DOE, like I mentioned this morning, talked to the native people? Have they come down to their level? Not to the leaders' level, because these transportations are going to go right through their own. And it's not only our land. It's your land too. We have all these scientists that have all these people telling you how safe it is. But I can say, what happened to the fallouts? The storage contains uranium and their elements cause death. And I don't want to see that within my future. I'd like to have a future for my children. But that's not going to happen if there's any in Utah.

MR. BROWN: If you can --

8 MS. BULLCREEK: Okay, a few more.] What I want to say is that being a Native American, that's
continued who I am. And we've been placed on reservations. But with this radiation coming to our reservation, being the traditionalists and the culturists that we are, respecting our land and our birds and our water and plant life and our medicine plants, when this new modernization, this destruction comes to our reservation, it's defined in the dictionary acculturation. It is acculturation that's going to lead to detribalization. I don't know what is the plan of the government, but I'm sure they have one. And that's what is going to happen to our reservations, because our leaders are --]

And I just want to be able to say -- this quote from a newspaper clipping that somebody had shared down in Las Vegas. This says, Not all of the sites identified are definitely contaminated, and many of the 45,361 locations in the study by a private consulting firm are not likely to be dangerous, officials said. But previously unreported signs of the potential contamination included agricultural research center in Maryland, where government scientists used radioactive materials to simulate the effects of atomic weapon fallout in the 1950's -- or the 1960's nuclear weapons accident in New Mexico, New Jersey and Utah also reported for the first time, according to the independent report. The high levels of exposure to some types of radioactivity have been determined to cause certain kinds of cancer. This is just quotes from that.

11] And I just want to close by saying that I really do think that the radiation, the waste should remain where it's at, and I really feel that there is no place to go. DOE has committed themselves and they're bound by it to send the waste to Yucca Mountain. But does it have to be through the sacrifice of my people and your people? Thank you.]